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TOPIC 1. Czech Troops in Sokolov and Bohosudov, Information on Military Labor 25X1  
Troops, and Induction of Germans. 25X1  
2. Troops and Military Installations in Most.

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REMARKS

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1. At Christmas 1954, the barracks installation on the northern perimeter of Sokolov (Falkenau N 51/P 58) and on the east side of the Kraslice (Graslitz N 51/K 30) road quartered soldiers of a motorized army unit who wore khaki uniforms. At an undetermined time, 8 to 10 trucks each of which was occupied by about 30 soldiers were observed leaving the installation toward the city. The soldiers wore steel helmets and carried rifles and submachine guns. The men on each truck included a soldier who signalled with two small yellow flags. The troops were equipped with numerous modern-style three-axle trucks. Heavy motor traffic was observed between the billets and the city. At the time of observation about Christmas 1954, no heavy weapons were noticed. Activity in the billeting area was limited to drill practices with small arms. It was known that 4 permanent three-story buildings, each 20 to 25 meters long, which had been constructed during World War II, were located in the area of the installation. Later, three wooden barracks were attached to these structures. At Christmas time 1954, the cantonment on the Vitkov (Wudingruen, N 51/P 58) road and the castle also quartered Czech troops. No details were known. Numerous Czech soldiers were observed in the streets of the city. 1

2. Prior to January 1955, Czech officer candidates were quartered in the form  (Mariaschein, N 51/F 34).  25X1  
 billets as the officers' school. On weekends  25X1  
in  officer candidates were frequently observed  
in Teplice Lazna (N 51/F 34). Most of them wore stiff gold-bordered red epaulets with their dress uniforms. Some also wore other undetermined service colors. The age of the officer candidates ranged from about 20 to about 30 years.  they came to Bohosudov 25X1  
from all areas of Czechoslovakia for training. Rank insignia observed ranged from staff sergeant (Cetar) to master sergeant (Starsina). 2

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3. On 11 March 1955, undetermined troops were observed from a train in the former [redacted] camp, which consisted of barracks, near Libkovice (thoroughfare [redacted] F 23), just north of the Most (Bruex. N 51/F 12) - [redacted] 51/F 23) railroad line. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] troops quartered military labor troops who worked at the [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] I, and Kohinor II coal pits. 3  
[redacted] three young men [redacted] on about 1 November 1954, 25X1  
[redacted] were inducted and assigned to a labor unit in Schoenbach (N 51/F 14) where they worked in coal pits. The unit was located in 25X1  
the building of the former mining apprentices' boarding school in Schoenbach. In early November 1954, two [redacted] 25X1  
Germans were inducted and assigned to a unit of an undetermined branch of service. [redacted]  
to the 1934 [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] inducted and assigned to a labor unit which was stationed at Janovice near Plzen (N 50/L 04). On the occasion of leave in January 1955, this unit had that labor troops had to serve a two years' term. 4
4. From December 1954 to 11 March 1955, billets with a wide flight of brick steps were observed on the south side of the former See Gasse (thoroughfare [redacted] Chomutov, N 51/F 02) in Most, almost opposite a convent with a church. [redacted] men in army uniforms, mostly enlisted men and NCOs, were constantly observed at the villa-like building. At varying times, a detachment of 30 to 40 men who wore field packs daily left this site and went toward Chomutov from where it later returned. The soldiers carried submachine guns and rifles. During the time of observation, weapons or training activities were observed in connection with the billets. 5  
From December 1954 to early March 1955, usually in the early night hours, heavy motor traffic which involved trucks with military drivers was observed on the Most-Chomutov road. Trucks travelling toward Chomutov carried loads, while those travelling in the opposite direction were empty. [redacted] the castle hill which was located in 25X1  
the area of the city was a restricted area of the armed forces which was off limits to civilians. Warning signs were set up in the terrain.
1. [redacted] Comment. The occupation of the individual installations in Sokolov (Falkenau) is still undetermined. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that an officer candidate school where officer candidates are presumably trained for political officers is located in Bohosudov (Mariaschein). 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. It is known that the cantonment in Libkovice (Likwitz) is occupied by a labor unit. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. Drafting into the armed forces at a large scale of individuals of German descent has been started in the fall of 1954. It is believed that the induction of a German as early as the fall of 1953 which is mentioned in the present report has been an exceptional case. 25X1
5. [redacted] Comment. These small troop billets in Most (Bruex) are reported for the first time. 25X1

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